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AWARD NOTIFICATION: SENIOR CORPS RSVP EXPANSION GRANTS

Background

Throughout the country, Senior Corps engages the skills, talents, and experience of more than 245,000 Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges through a network of three programs — the Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Companion Program and RSVP. Through Senior Corps, older adults make a real difference through the lives of individuals and as they help increase the capacity of nonprofit organizations, community agencies, faith-based and tribal organizations throughout the United States. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) awards grants to these local organizations and public agencies to administer these programs.

RSVP strengthens public and nonprofit agencies by building the infrastructure needed to efficiently and effectively mobilize experienced and skilled volunteers with vital programs and services. One of the largest volunteer efforts in the country, RSVP engages more than 208,000 older adults, retired or not, who use their skills and life experience in volunteer service that helps solve challenges facing communities. RSVP volunteers serve in diverse volunteer roles that may include: intergenerational education; access to care including opioid abuse/prevention; transportation services that support aging in place; housing services and activities in evidence-based programs. Additionally, they help increase the capacity of local organizations by recruiting and managing other volunteers.

A primary goal for CNCS is to increase the impact and reach of national service in America's communities. In January 2017, Senior Corps opened the 2017 RSVP Expansion Competition with a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This national competition was an opportunity for communities—with no current RSVP program—to apply for funds and establish new programs that address national priorities. The response was tremendous. Requests for funding outpaced the available funding amount by more than five times resulting in a highly competitive applicant pool. In accordance with the criteria and process established by the NOFO, 50 organizations were selected to be awarded grants. Together, these grants total a funding amount of \$5,370,177 for a total of 7,766 new RSVP volunteers.

Award Information

Recipient:	Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County Inc. 885 Badger Circle Grafton, Wisconsin 53024 – 9436 (262) 376-5362
Program Contact:	Maureen E. Maloney-Squire, dloveridge@interfaithozaukee.org
Award Amount:	\$75,000 per year/3 years (pending annual appropriations)
Target Geography:	Ozaukee County

Program Summary:

Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County will recruit an estimated 125 unduplicated RSVP volunteers to support issues related to aging in place, specifically supporting the needs of seniors and adults with limited mobility. RSVP volunteer activities will include: transporting seniors and adults with limited mobility to medical appointments; supporting food pantries and grocery stores; visiting clients to provide companionship and combat isolation; providing education and guidance to clients on an array of subjects pertinent to independent living and providing respite to caregivers of clients. The education for clients on independent living will cover topics like home safety to prevent falls and other accidents and recognizing and preventing elder abuse and financial scams. At the end of the three-year grant, 600 seniors, adults with limited mobility, and caregivers will report increased social support as a result of the RSVP volunteer service.